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The Carabinieri Legion of Florence reports that on orders of the Communist Party (PCI), a Garrison Military Committee has been established in Florence, and two meetings have already been held. The second meeting took place on the night of 14 July, at the headquarters in the Casa 🖘 Mutilati (Disabled Veterans Home). Military personnel stationed in Florer a attended and were requested to obtain information on the strength of the various units of the Florence garrison, quantity of arms each unit was assigned, and any other useful information. Those present expressed the opinion that the Military Committee of the Florence Carrison should be directly responsible to Giuseppe Rossi, regional secretary of the PCI for Tuscany, and 20 that were not practical responsible to the head of the Florence Provincial PCI Federation.

- Among the persons attending the meetings were the following all of whom appear to be residents of Florence:
 - Massai A fervent Communist who presided at both meetings.
 - (b) Marcello Grazzini - Captain of Army Administration. Born 8 March 1909 in Florence. On duty with the registration office of the San Gallo Military Mospital. Was repatriated about three months ago from Russia, where he was a PW and attended a course in Communist propaganda. At the first meeting Captain Gazzini had promised to present a report on the plan for the maintenance of public order in case of emergencies prepared by the local Military Territorial Command. However, he did not keep this promise, and stated that it would be impossible for him to obtain the report. It should be noted that the military hospital at which he is on duty has no copy of this order.
 - (c) Angelo Gracci - Lieutenant of the Guardia dulla Finance (Finance Guard); on duty at the Florence headquarters. Born in Leghorn, 1 August 1900. Is on leave at the present time. Was a FW in Russia, where he attended the school of Communist propaganda.

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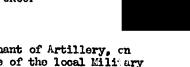
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- (d) Giuseppe Bergamino Lieutenant of Artillery, on duty with the finance office of the local Military District. Born in Ferrara, 10 September 1906.

 Recently requested a discharge from military sorvice because of poor health. Was admitted to the local military hospital on 26 July 1947. Is a convinced Communist and does not hide his political sentiments.
- (e) Salvatore Accardi Formerly a 2nd Lieutenant of Army Administration. Discharged from the Army. Is now a civilian employee of the Agronomico Coloniale office on Piazza S. Gervasio. Born in Palermo, 12 July 1915.
- (f) Ugo Catapano M/Sgt of the Artillery, assigned to the General Headquarters of the Military Territorial Command. Born at S. Giuseppe Vesuviano (Naples), 29 May 1910. Was a PW in Russia, and does not hide his Communist sentiments.
- (g) Mario Quadrelli Sgt. Major of Infantry; a member of the 78th Regiment. Born in Milan, 7 November 1913. He is a convinced Communist, unscrupulous, and noted for participating in Communist activities in the past.
- The Prefect, the Questura, and the local Military Territorial Command are all informed of these activities. It has been decided to follow the activities of these persons cautiously to avoid arousing suspicion on the part of the Communist Party, which might change the members of this committee to persons who would have to be identified. With the exception of Catapano and Quadrelli, however, these persons are on duty with units of minor importance and therefore do not seem dangerous. The Ministry of Defense and the General Staff of the Army have also been informed.

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